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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Elvis Nolen of West City, who passed away on April 6, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Elvis Nolen was born on February 18, 1926, in West Frankfort; he was the son of Oren and Genieve (DePriest) Nolen; he married Dorothy Bearden Reed on May 25, 1984, in the Third Baptist Church of West Frankfort; and

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WHEREAS, Elvis Nolen served as a member of the United States Navy during World War II in the Pacific Campaign; and

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WHEREAS, Elvis Nolen began his career as a school teacher after graduating from Southern Illinois University and the University of Illinois; he served as the regional superintendant of schools for Franklin County for many years; after retiring, he operated Budman's Hydraulic for his aunt, Bernice Murphy, and was assisted by his shop foreman and friend, Jay Coleman; and

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WHEREAS, Elvis Nolen was a licensed pilot who flew to meetings in various cities during his career and was associated with Civil Air Patrol; and

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1 WHEREAS, Elvis Nolen was a 58-year member of Masonic Lodge
2 802 in Carterville; he was also a member of the Ainad Shriners
3 Temple of East St. Louis, the Franklin County Shrine Club,
4 Scottish Rite, Orient American Legion Post 1961, West Frankfort
5 Elks Club 1340, the Franklin County Retired Teachers
6 Association, and the Illinois Association of Retired Regional
7 Superintendants of Schools; he was also a past president of the
8 Illinois Association of County Officials and a past president
9 of the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendants of
10 Schools; and

11 WHEREAS, Elvis Nolen was preceded in death by his parents;
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13 WHEREAS, Elvis Nolen is survived by his wife, Dorothy
14 Nolen; his daughters, Karran Nolen Crombar and Janis Reed
15 Thomas and her husband, Skip; his grandchildren, Allen Crombar
16 and his wife, Deanna, Lance Crombar and his wife, Brooke, and
17 Brandon Mandrell and his wife, Alex; his great-grandchildren,
18 Kate and Corey Crombar and Harper Mandrell; his special aunt,
19 Bernice Murphy; his cousins, Karen Novy and her husband, John,
20 Kathy Reilly, and Bob DePriest and his wife, Margo; his other
21 family members, Charles and Kaye Howell, Robert Barnfield, Alan
22 and Vicki Barnfield, Mary Mandrell, and Mekaela; his special
23 helpful neighbors, Roger and Tami Price and Bob and Betsy
24 Varis; and his special longtime friend, SIU President Glenn

1 Poshard and his wife, Jo; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
4 his family and friends, the passing of Elvis Nolen; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Elvis Nolen as an expression of our
8 sympathy.